



### AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

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Please cancel claim 29 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 21, 24 to 28 and 30 to 34.

Please add new claims 35 to 46.

A detailed listing of all the claims that are, or were, in the application is presented below. Current amendments to the claims, including additions being shown by underlining and deletions being shown by strikethrough, are expressed in the listing.

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Claims 1 to 20 (Cancelled)

21. (Currently Amended) A surface covering component comprising:

two resilient sheet elements having substantially the same structure, each element comprising (a) a first major surface, (b) ~~and~~ a second major surface, and (c) a gluing surface interposed between the first major surface and the second major surface, the gluing surfaces of the two elements being adjacent;

an adhesive interposed between the gluing surfaces,  
wherein the gluing surfaces are not perpendicular to the first major surface.

22. (Original) The surface covering component of claim 21, wherein the adhesive is selected from one or more of a hot melt glue, a radiation-curable adhesive, a moisture-curable adhesive and an anaerobic-curable adhesive.

23. (Original) The surface covering component of claim 22, wherein the radiation-curable adhesive is a UV curable adhesive.

24. (Currently Amended) The surface covering component of claim ~~22~~ 21, wherein the adhesive is a cyanoacrylate.

25. (Currently Amended) The surface covering component of claim 21, wherein the surface covering component is a resilient flooring sheet ~~floor covering component~~.

26. (Currently Amended) The surface covering component of claim 25, wherein the resilient flooring sheet ~~floor covering component~~ comprises a substrate, foam layer and a design layer.

27. (Currently Amended) The surface covering component of claim ~~22~~ 21, further comprising a seamless wear layer and/or a seamless top coat layer that covers substantially the entire surface covering component, including the two elements and the seam formed by the adjacent gluing surfaces and the adhesive.

28. (Currently Amended) A resilient floor covering comprising:  
two resilient sheet elements having substantially the same structure, each element comprising (a) a first major surface, (b) ~~and~~ a second major surface, and (c) a gluing surface interposed between the first major surface and the second major surface, the gluing surfaces of the two elements being adjacent; and  
an adhesive interposed between the gluing surfaces,  
wherein the gluing surfaces are not perpendicular to the first major surface.

Claim 29 (Cancelled)

30. (Currently Amended) The floor covering of claim ~~29~~ 28, wherein the floor covering is in the form of a roll.

31. (Currently Amended) The floor covering of claim ~~29~~ 28, wherein the adhesive is a radiation-curable adhesive.

32. (Currently Amended) The floor covering of claim ~~29~~ 28, wherein the adhesive is a UV-curable.

33. (Currently Amended) The floor covering of claim ~~29~~ 28, wherein the adhesive is a cyanoacrylate.

34. (Currently Amended) A surface covering comprising:  
two resilient sheet elements having substantially the same structure, each element comprising (a) a first major surface, (b) ~~and~~ a second major surface, and (c) a gluing surface interposed between the first major surface and the second major surface, the gluing surfaces of the two elements being adjacent; and  
an adhesive interposed between the gluing surfaces,  
wherein the surface covering is in the form of a roll, with the gluing surfaces being in a plane generally perpendicular to the axis of the roll, the gluing surfaces and adhesive forming a seam, and the thickness of the seam being substantially no greater than the thickness of the elements.

35. (New) The surface covering of claim 34, wherein the seam is a scarf joint.

36. (New) The surface covering of claim 34, further comprising a seamless wear layer and/or a seamless top coat layer that covers substantially the entire surface covering, including the seam.

37. (New) A surface covering comprising:  
two resilient sheet elements having substantially the same structure, each element comprising (a) a first major surface, (b) a second major surface, and (c) a gluing surface interposed between the first major surface and the second major surface, the gluing surfaces of the two elements being adjacent; and  
an adhesive interposed between the gluing surfaces, the gluing surfaces and adhesive creating a seam in the form of a scarf joint,  
wherein the surface covering is in the form of a roll, with the gluing surfaces being in a plane generally parallel to the axis of the roll.

38. (New) The surface covering of claim 37, further comprising a seamless wear layer and/or a seamless top coat layer that covers substantially the entire surface covering, including the two elements and the seam.

39. (New) The floor covering of claim 28, wherein the seam is a scarf joint.

40. (New) The floor covering of claim 28, further comprising a seamless wear layer and/or a seamless top coat layer that covers substantially the entire floor covering, including the two elements and the seam.

A2 41. (New) The floor covering of claim 28, wherein the gluing surfaces are in a plane generally perpendicular to the axis of the roll, the gluing surfaces and adhesive form a seam, and the thickness of the seam is substantially no greater than the thickness of the elements.

42. (New) The floor covering of claim 41, wherein the seam is a scarf joint.

43. (New) The floor covering of claim 41, further comprising a seamless wear layer and/or a seamless top coat layer that covers substantially the entire floor covering, including the two elements and the seam.

44. (New) The floor covering of claim 28, wherein the gluing surfaces are in a plane generally parallel to the axis of the roll, the gluing surfaces and adhesive forming a seam.

45. (New) The floor covering of claim 44, wherein the seam is a scarf joint.

46. (New) The floor covering of claim 44, further comprising a seamless wear layer and/or a seamless top coat layer that covers substantially the entire floor covering, including the two elements and the seam.